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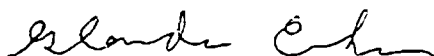
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The recent settlement between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice is long overdue. Although I think the settlement is too harsh and violates even more laws than the initial lawsuit against Microsoft considered, it is in the best interests of the public.

First off, Microsoft should not be forced to disclose internal interfaces. They have put a lot of time and money into creating their own technology that is far superior to competitors. What company in the world would agree to offer up their technological secrets? If they did, they lose all ability to compete in a free market. The second concession I think is ludicrous deals with contractual restrictions. If Microsoft cannot enter into agreements with vendors to exclusively distribute their products, then they are limited in their ability to gain market share. I see Airlines, Sodas, and Liquor Distributors all entering into these agreements. Why will such agreements be precluded from the tech sector?

At any rate, it is time for this issue to be settled and for our economy to go back to normal. This will only occur when the nine states in opposition drop their suits and Microsoft can start to focus on business.

Sincerely,



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cc: Senator Rick Santorum